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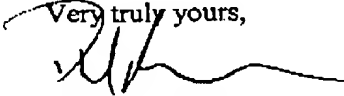
Re: Filing of Request for Continued Examination and Petition and Fee for One Month
Extension of Time
U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/986,748
Our Ref: IKE.009

Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find Request for Continued Examination filed in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006, which should place the Application in condition for immediate allowance. A Petition and Fee for One Month Extension of Time is also enclosed.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,


Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosure